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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 12 -- PRELIMINARY
REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO

FOLLOWING IS TEXT DRAFTED IN SPANISH FOREIGN
MINISTRY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
AT ITS FIRST MEETING ON MAY 2. THIS DRAFT HAS NO RPT NO
STATUS YET. WE FORWARD IT AT THIS TIME SIMPLY TO GIVE
SOME FLAVOR OF THIS ASPECT OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

REPORT TO THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL BY THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE MEETING
OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 9, HELD ITS FIRST
PLENARY MEETING ON MAY 2, AT WHICH CONSIDERATION WAS
GIVEN TO TWO U.S. MEMORANDA ON POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION.
THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE POSSIBILITIES
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FOR ACTION AT A BILATERAL LEVEL ARE OF LESS INTEREST
THAN THOSE WHICH MAY BE CARRIED OUT AT A MULTI-
LATERAL LEVEL. IN ANY CASE IT CONSIDERS THAT THE
RELATIONS WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED BILATERALLY --
AND WHICH SPAIN HAS BEEN DEVELOPING DURING RECENT
YEARS WITH VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE --
COULD BE INTENSIFIED IF THAT WERE DONE IN A NATO

CONTEXT.

IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE MORE VALUABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE ALLIANCE ITSELF, THROUGH THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD PRESENT A MINIMUM OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THESE CONTACT NOT ONLY SHOULD BE THE MORE FEASIBLE ONES WITH THE MILITARY STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE BUT SHOULD ALSO BE IN PARTICULAR WITH THE CIVIL STRUCTURE.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN TO STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH COORDINATION WITH NATO AND, EVEN MORE, EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP WOULD HAVE FOR BILATERAL SPANISH-US RELATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE BOTH TO THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION OF JANUARY 24, 1976, AND TO THE COUNCIL CREATED BY THAT TREATY.

THE COMMITTEE HAS STUDIED ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF CENTRALIZING IN ITSELF ALL CHANNELS OF INFORMATION, BOTH U.S. AND SPANISH, CIVIL AND MILITARY, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A MORE PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS OBJECTIVES, THEREBY FACILITATING THE EVENTUAL DECISION OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH CLEARLY WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WILL OF THE NATION EXPRESSED THROUGH ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO MEET ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS TOWARD ITS OBJECTIVES. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS OPPORTUNE THE PARTICIPATION IN ITS MEETINGS OF U.S. CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ALLIANCE.

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